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November Zoom Thankfulness



Thursday, November 12 - Saturday, November 14 - Rotary Zone 26/27 Virtual Institute. This year you have a rare opportunity to join the annual Zone Institute! You will hear from Rotary leaders and luminaries. Travel Expert Rick Steves will be a special guest. Register from the District Calendar on [dacdb](#). More information is available at: [2020 Zone Institute Information](#)

Monday, November 16, 5:30 p.m. - District monthly webcast. Geoff Cochran from The Rotary Foundation will be discussing the Annual Programs Fund and the importance of The Rotary Foundation in our efforts to improve lives in our communities and around the world. Register from the District Calendar on [dacdb](#).

Monday, November 30, 4:00 p.m. - Tarnished Brass. For the current District Governor line and all Past District Governors. By invitation only.

Monday, November 30, 5:30 p.m. - Club Presidents' Meeting. For current club Presidents to learn about district developments. By invitation only.

November Foundation Month Program



Join us Monday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m. for a special Zoom presentation on The Rotary Foundation. November is Rotary Foundation month and we will be hearing from Geoff Cochran, our Annual Fund Giving Officer from The Rotary Foundation. Geoff will explain how the Annual Fund works to provide our clubs with money for District and Global Grants. You can register from the District Calendar on [dacdb](#).

Peace Out of Chaos - 2020 Peace Conference



October 24, 2020 marked the 31st Annual District 5300 Garbis Peace Institute. If you were not able to attend live or if you would like to re-watch any of the sessions, they are now available here: [Rotary District 5300 Peace Conference Page](#)

Honoring Montebello Rotarian Bill



The Rotary Club of Montebello honored the 90th Birthday of William Orick Nighswonger with a drive-by celebration. Bill is an icon of the community and the oldest member of the Club with 63 years of Service-Above-Self. In the photo, Bill is seated to the right side under the canopy, behind the cake.

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On October 21, 1930, Bill was born in the Lincoln Hospital on Soto Street in Los Angeles, in the area referred to as Boyle Heights. He is the son of Orick Emanuel Nighswonger and Eva Marian Nighswonger. In 1944 the family moved to Montebello, where he graduated from Montebello Senior High School in 1948, East Los Angeles Jr. College in 1950, and he then enlisted in the United States Air Force. Bill was honorably discharged in 1954 and returned to Montebello, where he started dating Kathy Heacock. They were married in June 1957.

King McPherson introduced Bill to Rotary and, in December 1957, he was inducted into the Rotary Club of Montebello. In 1964-65 he served as President and did so again in 2012-13. He has set the bar high for membership with the longest-standing perfect attendance record, attending every weekly club meeting for 63 years. Rotary International has honored Bill with a proclamation and plaque for his more than 50 years of membership and perfect attendance, which is prominently displayed at RI's worldwide headquarters in Evanston, Illinois.

In 1968 Bill stepped into the political world and ran for the Montebello City Council with the slogan "the longest name on the ballot." He was successful and held the position of City Council member and Mayor for several terms. In 1989 he retired from public office.

Kathy and Bill have two sons, Keith and Richard, four grandsons and one granddaughter. Bill is an avid fisherman who credits his father with getting him started; he has passed this legacy down to his sons, Keith and Richard, who have also passed the love of fishing to their children.

The surprise drive-by celebration was led by the Montebello Police with the Montebello Fire Department escorting the many cars participating. All enjoyed the social-distanced, masked celebration. Those unable to attend were able to view through Zoom and Facebook. Montebello Rotary Club President, Eddie Franco, announced, "be there or be on Zoom, but you must celebrate this milestone."

With a humble heart and gratitude Bill thanks the Rotarians and guests for the celebration of his 90th Birthday.

Sweeten Up Your Giving

See's CANDIES®

District 5300, Group Five Rotary Clubs (Azusa, Glendora, La Verne and San Dimas) have combined forces to support their local efforts and The Rotary Foundation.

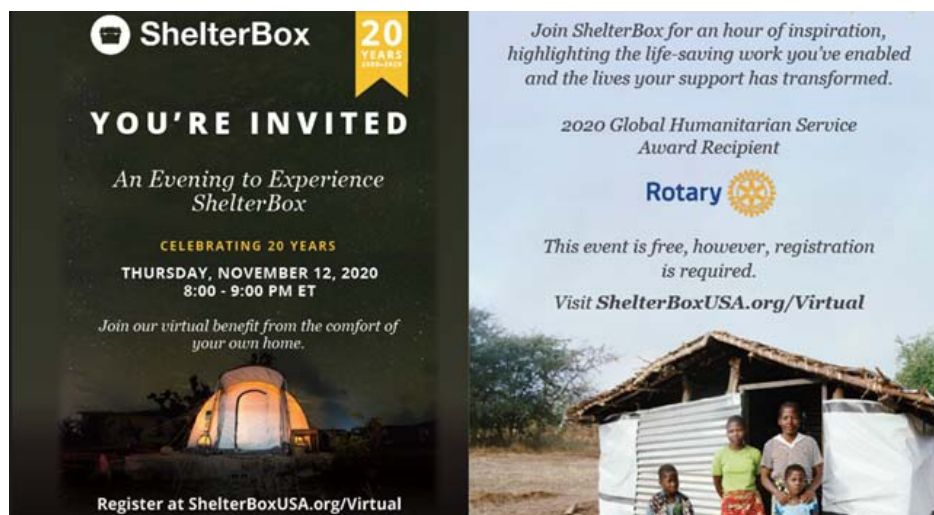
Through Christmas, the Group Five Clubs will be selling See's Candies online through their portal at www.supportrotarians.com.

Half of the money raised will go directly to The Rotary Foundation. The other half will be used by the individual Group Five Clubs to support their efforts.

Every District 5300 Rotarian can be a part of this effort by making their holiday candy purchases through the site. But, more importantly, please share the website as far and as wide as Rotary's influence.

For more information contact Raymond E. Foster, President-Elect, Rotary Club of San Dimas at sandimasrotary@gmail.com.

An Evening to Experience Shelterbox



The image is a promotional graphic for a virtual event. On the left, a dark background features the ShelterBox logo, a '20 YEARS' anniversary badge, and the text 'YOU'RE INVITED' in large white letters. Below this, it says 'An Evening to Experience ShelterBox' and 'CELEBRATING 20 YEARS'. The event details are 'THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020, 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET'. A quote reads 'Join our virtual benefit from the comfort of your own home.' At the bottom, it says 'Register at ShelterBoxUSA.org/Virtual'. On the right, a light blue background contains the text 'Join ShelterBox for an hour of inspiration, highlighting the life-saving work you've enabled and the lives your support has transformed.' Below this is '2020 Global Humanitarian Service Award Recipient' and the Rotary logo. Further text says 'This event is free, however, registration is required.' and 'Visit ShelterBoxUSA.org/Virtual'. At the bottom right, there is a photograph of a family standing in front of a simple, corrugated metal shelter.

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2020 Global Humanitarian Service Award presentation to Rotary International.

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Rotary Virtual Zone Institute November 12-14



Leaders Innovating and Growing Rotary

The Rotary Zone 26/27 Institute will be virtual this year. This annual conference features many Rotary Leaders discussing the relevant topics of the day. Zone Institute is usually limited to our District Governor Line but this year a virtual format means everyone can attend! You can register on the District Calendar on dactdb and find more information on the Zone 26/27 website. This is an experience not to be missed!

[Link to Zone Institute Information](#)

Rotary Gratefulness Week

ROTARY GRATEFULNESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 16-22, 2020

Join the Rotary Districts of Zone 26/27 as we say thank you to our essential workers!

Being an essential worker during this pandemic means potentially exposing themselves and their families to COVID-19 while performing their job duties. Essential workers are having to deal with new stresses of adding physical distancing measures to their jobs, shifting work hours, changing childcare needs with school closures among many other challenges, all while serving our community. They are making sure there is food, water, electricity, trash, sanitation services, and health care services.

Suggested ways to celebrate essential workers:

- Coordinate a vehicle parade to drive past their business location. Decorate the vehicle with thank you signs. Be sure to follow the rules of the road.
- Provide meals for the late shift at the hospital, police department, fire department, etc.
- Hand out gift cards to local restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops.
- Provide needed personal protective equipment.
- Hand out appreciation cards (business card size) with club logo
- Take out an ad in the local newspaper appreciating essential workers.
- Send thank you cards to the businesses with essential workers

Encourage Rotarians to participate and take photos of their celebrations. Share those photos on your District and Club social media pages, and with your District Governor, who will in turn share the photos with our Rotary International Director and Vice President Johrita Solari.

Rotary

Have you joined Rotary Direct?

Sunday, September 6, 2020



A message from District 5300 District Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson

District 5300 reminds its members it will donate 250 of its Foundation Recognition Points to those who enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program, "Rotary Direct," which makes contributing to "The Rotary Foundation" fast, easy and secure.

Under this program, District 5300 Rotarians can schedule monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions made in any increments, i.e. \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more, empowering them to change lives in their local community or throughout

the world. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation to either its featured causes (Annual Fund, Polio Plus, World Fund or Disaster Relief) or the seven areas of focus (Peace Building and Conflict Prevention, Disease Prevention and Disease, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Community Economic Development, and Supporting the Environment) are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition, however, only those donations to the featured causes generate District Designated Funds (DDF). Enrolling in "Rotary Direct" can be accomplished through Rotary International's website or by contacting your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson.

In addition, District 5300 will match up to 500 of its Foundation Recognition Points to contributions made by or on behalf of Rotarians who have not yet reached their First Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Such contributions can be made by monetary donations or transfer of recognition points by member or club. For example, a member contributing \$500 will receive a match of 500 District matching points, resulting in him or her reaching their first Paul Harris Fellow recognition. A member contributing \$250 and receiving a 250-point match of recognition points by his or her club, will also receive 500 District matching points, again resulting in him or her reaching such distinction.

What is the Deadline? When all District Recognition Points are depleted!
Contact your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson, if interested!

Zone 26/27 Virtual Library

Sunday, September 6, 2020



The Zone 26/27 website now includes a Virtual Library. This is a new feature that will include information about virtual fundraising, speaker recommendations, virtual meeting suggestions and more. You can also find valuable information and resources for membership, brand, and foundation topics.

The website address is www.zone2627.org.

